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## Fighting still rages in sealed off Hama

DAMASCUS, Feb. 15 (AP) — The rebelious northwestern city of Hama remained sealed off from the outside world Monday amid reports of continued fighting there between Syrian troops and Muslim Brotherhood entrenched in caves and ancient catacombs.

The government had announced plans to reopen the city to traffic and trade Sunday, two days after it claimed troops had crushed the Muslim Brotherhood in Hama. The reopening was canceled along with plans to take journalists on a tour of the city 177 kms north of Damascus. Officials warned reporters that attempt to approach the besieged city would be "life-threatening."

The fighting erupted Feb. 2 during a search for Muslim Brotherhood men who have fought the government for the past 2 1/2 years.

The government was reported to have

### Bahrain stresses ties

## Fahd meets 2 Gulf ministers

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah at the Royal Court here Monday.

Present at the audience was Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraph and telephones, who is also acting minister of petroleum and mineral resources.

On arrival, Sheikh Ali said he brought a message from Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah for King Khalid.

In the afternoon the crown prince welcomed Sheikh Muhammad Ben Khalifa Al-Thani, the interior minister of Bahrain. The meeting was attended by Ibrahim Ali Ibrahim Bahraini ambassador to the Kingdom.

One arrival, Sheikh Muhammad told newsmen that he was carrying a message from

## China acts to boost oil hunt

PEKING, Feb. 15 (R) — China took fresh steps Monday toward the long-awaited exploitation of its offshore oil by forming a national offshore oil company and announcing that foreign companies would soon be invited to tender bids.

The China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), officially set up Monday will take full charge of offshore oil exploitation in cooperation with foreign companies, the New China News Agency said.

It added that preparations had been made for bidding for rights to exploit the reserves, and CNOOC would soon send letters of notification to the more than 45 foreign companies, about half of them American, that are eligible to bid.

The agency said all foreign companies that took part in seismic work off the Chinese coast in the quest for oil would be welcome to bid.

The president of CNOOC was named as Qin Wencai, who said that China would

attack Hama, a city of 250,000 with 5,000 to 8,000 troops using tanks, artillery and helicopter gunships. Whole districts were reported destroyed, and Syrian sources said at least four mosques were destroyed.

The government claimed Friday its opponents had been crushed. But other sources said there was still hand-to-hand fighting in the narrow, winding streets of the ancient Hama district, in the catacombs below it and in caves in the hills northwest of the city. Neither food nor medicine was allowed into Hama, a source said.

Hundreds of deaths have been reported although there has been no exact fatality toll.

Syrian sources said that by Friday, security forces had wounded an estimated 2,000 insurgents, while the rebels wounded 400 government soldiers.



BASEBALL REVOLUTION? This new electronic baseball glove makes it possible for catchers and pitchers to communicate by pushing buttons and eliminates the time-honored hand and finger signals. The new glove is displayed in Osaka, Japan by Seiji Nobuta of Mizuno Corp., Japan's largest producer of baseball equipment. While the new electronic development will improve communications on the baseball field, the question remains whether professional leagues will allow their players to use the glove.

## Dollar scales new high as share prices sink

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — Renewed pressure on U.S. interest rates drove the dollar sharply against other major currencies Monday and undermined confidence on share and bond markets.

Economists said the American currency's latest surge of strength was reducing interest rates for further cuts in interest rates by European countries such as West Germany, which want to stimulate their economies at a time of rising unemployment.

An American oil expert, John Emerson of the Chase Manhattan Bank, said in Singapore last week that Chinese oil resources may be as large as those of Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter. Others have not been so optimistic, but one banker here said that if the companies were still waiting they must think something was there.

Foreign exchange dealers said banks were buying dollars in the belief that U.S. interest rates were likely to climb after last Friday's news of an unexpectedly big increase in the supply of money in circulation in the United States. The Federal Reserve board, the U.S. central bank, is expected to tighten credit to slow money supply growth and this could force up interest rates, they said, while projections by the U.S. administration of sizeable budget deficits also pointed to higher

interest rates.

In Frankfurt last Friday, Karl Otto Poehl, president of the Bundesbank, the West German central bank, said President Reagan's proposed budget deficit would threaten a revival of the world economy and either keep American interest rates extremely high or boost inflation.

Interest rate concerns also drew money out of securities Monday, depressing domestic

### 84 feared dead as rig capsizes

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Feb. 15, (Agencies) — An oil rig capsized in the Canadian coast early Monday and the 84 persons on board were feared lost in the stormy Atlantic waters, its operators said.

Mobil Oil Canada, who operate the stricken Ocean Ranger rig, one of the world's highest, said bodies had been sighted in the sea where the rig went down 175 nautical miles east off this port city.

The oil company had earlier ordered the workers to abandon the platform, 281 kms east of here, when it began listing, and communications were severed soon after. A brief statement issued by the oil company said "air-sea rescue has been unable to locate the rig but the site has been identified by helicopter through the rig's anchor buoys and wave-ridder buoys."

An official said search aircraft spotted two lifeboats, one capsized and the other with its stern submerged in the turbulent seas. It was not immediately stated how many bodies were found.

Lt. Doug Cale of the rescue center said it was not known how many of the crewmen were in the lifeboat which capsized.

Mobil said the rig had 84 men aboard when it began to list in heavy seas early Monday. The crew prepared to abandon the rig, and the lifeboat was launched at 2:15 a.m. (0515 GMT). The rescue center said the boat turned over about 3:10 a.m. local time.

The supply tugs *Seaford Highlander* and *Nevator* were at the scene and were searching for survivors, the center said. A spokesman said the ceiling was low, with snow and rain, and winds of up to 80 miles an hour (130 kph) were whipping up high seas.

The semi-submersible rig first listed 15 degrees during the night, rocked by heavy seas in one of the worst winter storms on record for the Gulf of St. Lawrence with winds registered at 135 kph per hour, reports said.

Of the 84 persons on the rig, 45-55 Canadians and 10 Americans were employed by the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company. Most of the others were Newfoundland residents employed by subcontractors, a spokesman said.

All personnel aboard oil rigs are required to wear survival suits which would keep them alive for an hour in the chilly waters of the North Atlantic. A Mobil spokesman in St. John's said the oil well, J-24, was secured and there was no possibility of a blowout.

The rig, owned by Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, is one of the world's largest. It was built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in Hiroshima, Japan, and launched in 1976.

The semi-submersible, self-propelled rig has a rectangular platform measuring 122 by 80 by 41 meters. It can drill in water depths up to 462 meters and to a depth of more than 7,600 meters.

The world's worst oil rig disaster in terms of loss of life occurred in the North Sea 200 miles off Norway March 27, 1980. The 10,000-ton *Alexander Kielland* rig capsized, taking 123 persons to their deaths.

## Yamani assails critics

Spells out role of Saudi-U.S. joint commission

MANAMA, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani reiterated here Monday that the task of the Saudi-American Joint Committee is confined only to following up on the Kingdom's purchases and military projects with the United States.

He said that anything said beyond this fact about the committee, formed during U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's recent visit to the Kingdom, is "unfounded and totally baseless."

In a statement published by the Gulf News Agency, Yamani expressed amazement over the clamor and predictions by some news agencies on the formation and task of the committee. He said the creation of suspicion in the Kingdom's policy and objectives is an unacceptable method pursued by some dubious newspapers owing to their collusion with the alien powers. The minister added that "these venomous and slanders, which are directed against the Kingdom's policy, should better have been directed toward the common enemy who occupies the Arab lands and fiddles with the dignity and sanctity of Islamic sacred places."

Yamani reaffirmed that the Kingdom's policy is no secret to anyone, "as it has never occurred that it signed secret or open agreements at the expense of our Arab and Islamic nations." He added that "our stances have always been clear and frank and we have carried out our responsibility with full integrity and sincerity, with a view to serving the cause of the Arab and Islamic nation."

Yamani said: "God willing, we shall continue on this path without paying heed to any din created by the tendentious people. By the Grace of God, we have total faith in our message and we are confident of the awareness of our peoples and nation about the reality and dimensions of these irresponsible distortions."

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## Consortium of five wins Jubail refinery awards

RJYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — A consortium of five joint-venture and foreign companies won several contracts for designing, supplying equipment and building the Petromin Shell export-oriented refinery at Jubail.

According to a source at Petromin Monday, the final contracts were signed for preparing designs, supplying equipment and installing the refinery at Jubail industrial city.

The consortium incorporates Chiyoda Petronas Saudi Arabia, Technip Saudi Arabia, Parsons International and Parsons California of the U.S., Chiyoda Chemical Engineering and Construction of Japan and Technip of France.

Work on the plant, which began in September, 1981, will be completed within 35 months providing for the refinery to start commercial production by the first quarter of 1985. It will produce 250,000 barrels a day, of which more than 13 million barrels of various petroleum products will be exported.

The source added that Jubail refinery will be among the most advanced in the world in regard to technical and technological integration. The plant will possess highly advanced equipment for transforming heavy crude

products into light oil components.

"This will enable the refinery to produce larger quantities of light oil products and components which form the basis for various petrochemical industries," the official said.

The Jubail plant will also produce an aromatic benzene component that is used in industries locally.

The refinery will have 15 different operational units in addition to an aromatic benzene producing unit and a hydrocracker unit. Products will be consistent with the latest international specifications in regard to quality. More than 1,000 employees including engineers, technicians and administrative personnel will operate the refinery, the source said.

Petromin had already embarked on preparing the technical and administrative national personnel to participate in the refinery's manning. They are part of a highly qualified technical and administrative personnel training program being implemented by the petroleum and minerals organization. Trainees are sent to the United States, Britain, Holland, West Germany and South Korea.

### Islamic publishing body to be set up

MAKKAH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — The constituent body for the establishment of an international Islamic organization for publication, distribution, marketing and technical production will meet here from March 10 to 12, it was announced Monday by Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League.

He said that more than 130 publishing and

### Jazaeri in Sanaa to attend opening of Salam hospital

SANA. Feb. 15 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazaeri arrived here Monday on a few days' visit to attend the opening of the Salam hospital in Saada which was financed by the Kingdom. The hospital was constructed as a result of "fraternal cooperation" between the two countries.

Jazaeri said upon arrival that instructions of the Kingdom's leadership urge closer cooperation and coordination between the health ministries in the two countries.

The hospital, one of the development projects in North Yemen financed by Saudi Arabia, cost SR250 million and is a model medical institution in the Arabian Peninsula.

Jazaeri, accompanied by senior health officials, arrived here from Jizan. He said in a statement before departure that the Saada hospital is a gift from the Kingdom to the people of North Yemen. It has been equipped by Saudi Arabia who retained a company to run it for several years, after which the Yemen Health Ministry will take over its management, he said.

He stressed the strong bonds of excellent



Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri

relations between the two countries and said that there are a number of health centers being built by the Kingdom in Yemen.

Jazaeri visited Furcas island Sunday to inspect its old hospital and the new one which accommodates 30 patients and has specialists in all branches of medicine.

Meanwhile, in Jizan, the two sub-committees on malaria and bilharzia formed by the ninth conference on malaria and bilharzia control worked out a plan Sunday to combat the two diseases in the southern and southwestern regions of Saudi Arabia, from Layth to the Yemeni border. The conference was opened Saturday.

### BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the youth welfare organization, left here Monday for Kuwait at the invitation of Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee and member of the International Olympic Committee. Prince Faisal was seen off at the airport by Dr. Saleh ibn Naser, information undersecretary for radio and TV affairs and chairman of the Saudi volleyball association.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman Al-Solaim Sunday conferred with Tunisian Farming Minister Al Asad ibn Osman, currently visiting Saudi Arabia.

During the meeting, attended by undersecretary for supply affairs at the ministry of commerce, Tawfiq Ibrahim Tawfiq, the two sides discussed prospects of exporting Tunisian agricultural products and foodstuff to the Kingdom's markets. The talks also covered means for promoting trade relations between the two countries.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones and acting minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, Sunday conferred here with Somali finance minister currently visiting the Kingdom. During the meeting, attended by Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, the two sides discussed means of further promoting cooperation between the Kingdom and Somalia in the field of oil and industry.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Fifty-two expatriates

Monday embraced Islam here before Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Issa, Head of the Sharia Court. They include 32 Koreans, three Britons, 11 Filipinos, an Indian, an Eritrean, a national of Mauritius, and the first secretary of the Zaire embassy here, with his 12-member family.

DHAHRAN (SPA) — A Cypriot trade delegation arrived here Sunday on a four-day visit to the Eastern Province. The team, representing Cypriot factories specialized in clothes, foods, leather and plastic products, will organize a trade fair here and hold talks with officials of Chamber of Commerce and Industry on boosting trade and industrial cooperation between Cyprus and Saudi Arabia.

JEDDAH (SPA) — President of the Islamic Development Bank Dr. Ahmad Mohammad Ali left here Sunday for Pakistan. Dr. Ali is leading his bank delegation to the meetings of industry ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), which began in Islamabad later Sunday. A report on the industrial projects financed by the IDB in the Islamic states will be discussed during the four-day meeting.

RIYADH, (SPA) — The Education Ministry at present has 50 public libraries in the various parts of Saudi Arabia, with books on different branches of knowledge. Funds have been allocated under the third Five-Year Development plan to construct buildings for eight new libraries, to promote culture and encourage Saudi Arabians to learn more and to conduct research work.

### West's attitude criticized

## Badr chairs shipping parley

By a Staff Writer

MANAMA, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Bahrain Development and Industry Minister Yusuf Shirawi opened Monday the Oceanexpo Middle East Conference attended by 40 countries. The conference will be presided over by Dr. Fayed Badr, Saudi ports authority president.

Badr criticized in his keynote address at the opening session Western shipping companies' reluctance to supply expertise to the developing countries, and stressed the need for transfer of technology and self-reliance.

Stressing that economic diversification is one of the most important needs of the Arab communities, Badr said: "For the future we are looking for transfer of technology at all levels — whether it be for welding a pipe, or the most intricate electronic skills."

Preference will be given to those organizations which guarantee that they can and will transfer knowledge, whether in the field of industry, agricultural, ports or shipping, he said.

"We are seeking," said Badr, "a fair share in the carriage of bulk as well as general cargo, and of course an expansion of tonnage is necessary. But in the meantime we expect that those trading with us will do their utmost to give cargo to our vessels."

Indian trade mission arrives today

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

leave for Kuwait Feb. 20, the spokesman added.

Another two-member mission of Punjab industries will arrive here Feb. 18 to meet importers of hand tools, hosiery and knitwear, sports goods, auto-parts, agricultural machinery, blankets and shawls, sewing machines, bicycles and spare parts.

The delegation consisting of T.K.A. Nair, secretary in Department of Industries in Punjab and K.K. Bhattacharjee, managing director of Punjab State Small Industries Corporation, will also explore possibilities of investment in industries. They will visit Riyadh Feb. 21-22 and leave for Abu Dhabi Feb. 23, he said.

### Chatti urges joint Islamic investing

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the 42-member Organization of the Islamic Conference, Sunday called for joint industries, projects and investments among Islamic countries.

Addressing the opening session of the Round Table Ministerial Conference on Industrial Cooperation, Chatti said that such joint ventures are the repository of cooperation among Islamic states. He added that the Agreement for the Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among OIC member states could open new vistas for industrial cooperation.

In the speech, delivered on Chatti's behalf by Zainul Arifin Osman, OIC's assistant secretary general for administrative, economic and financial affairs, he deplored the failure of the North-South dialogue. Such a failure, said Chatti, has made it imperative on the

Islamic world not to rely on anybody, but to try to make the most out of its own resources and potentialities to reach a stage of self-sufficiency.

### Finance experts meet

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Finance experts from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meet Tuesday at the council's headquarters here to finalize the constitutional system of the proposed Gulf Investment Corporation.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Gain, the GCC's assistant secretary general for economic affairs, said the meeting is in response to GCC finance ministers' resolutions adopted in their meeting here last month, during which they agreed on the establishment of the Gulf investment corporation.

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*Lengthy training underway*

## European Space Agency astronauts standing by for their space time

By Jeannette Garrett  
Houston Bureau

Johnson Space Centers Claude Nicollier is bidding his time as one of two European Space Agency (ESA) astronauts training in the United States. Nicollier was to have been a candidate for payload specialist aboard an historic joint Euro-American mission called *Spacelab-1*. A manned laboratory, built and paid for by the 10 member-countries of ESA, *Spacelab* will be carried on board the space shuttle's cargo bay on selected scientific flights, initially lasting a week. The payload specialist's responsibility on the flight is confined to conducting checks and observations on the experiments on board and involves no operation of the shuttle system itself.

Representing the Europeans' first entry into the manned space program, *Spacelab-1*, carrying a half-European, half-American payload, is scheduled for the shuttle's ninth mission, in September 1983, with two pilots, two mission specialists and one payload specialist from the U.S., and one payload specialist from Europe.

After delays with the development of *Spacelab* (it was originally scheduled to fly in 1980) and similar delays with the space shuttle, ESA contracted with NASA and the Johnson Space Center (JSC) to extend the training of Nicollier and fellow European Wubbo Ockels to include instruction in becoming mission specialists. After the first year was up, in 1981 however, ESA had to withdraw one of the astronauts from *Spacelab* training so he could devote his full time to mission specialist training.

The choice was left up to Nicollier and Ockels. "If you don't decide yourselves, we'll decide for you by tossing a coin," ESA told them.

It was a trade-off situation. The payload specialist would have a relatively early flight opportunity, only a year and a half off, and the status and the subsequent attention of being a crewmember aboard the first *Spacelab* flight. The mission specialist would receive more training, but fly on a much later flight, and only on a shuttle mission that carried a European payload.

Though he made his decision rather quickly, Nicollier still found it difficult to give up the *Spacelab* mission, especially since, as the only French-speaking crew member he had an exceptionally good working relationship with the principal scientific investigators, many of whom are French-speaking. But becoming a mission specialist came closer to meeting Nicollier's objectives.

"My dream is to become an astronaut pilot someday, and there was no doubt that I was getting closer to my faraway objective in choosing this route rather than staying a payload specialist," Nicollier says.

So now, Nicollier trains and waits for a flight that will be at least three or four years away. When a flight is that far off, the hours a mission specialist spends in a space suit in the gravity-free environment of a mission simulator at JSC represent only a small part of his overall training. Nicollier spends most of his days dressed in slacks and a sweater, working in more mundane surroundings, at what is essentially a desk job.

After the first year of basic training, mission specialists work on specific individual assignments banded out by the astronaut office. His first task was to critically review NASA's flight test requirements, from the perspective of the crew. Now he's studying the shuttle's navigation system. The assignments are changed every six months or so, but during that time mission specialists become experts in that particular phase of the shuttle's system, and whenever a fellow trainee or NASA engineer has a question they simply go ask "mission specialist x." About 60 percent of Nicollier's time is spent learning about his assignment, attending meetings, talking to NASA engineers or reading text books.

Only about 15 percent of his time is allotted to training in the mission simulator a two-hour session a week, which usually involves a one-day preparation. What he learns during these sessions is exactly what pilot candidates learn — how to operate the shuttle's cockpit system.

The remainder of his training time is scheduled for basic flight training in a T-38 jet. He gets in an average of one hour flying.



CLAUDE NICOLIER: One of two European scientists training in the United States. Claude Nicollier takes a pause at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

As he grew older, Nicollier's interest went much beyond what his father was expecting, and when he announced that he wanted to join the Swiss Air Force his father told him, "No, you're going too far." Nicollier is still a member of the Swiss Air Force, a reserve-type training with his squadron.

When the European news media began devoting coverage, in 1975 to *Spacelab* and the fact that as the work continued, ESA would be looking for astronauts, Nicollier recognized an opportunity to make an old dream come true.

After arming himself with degrees in physics and astrophysics, Nicollier worked as a graduate scientist with the Institute of Astronomy at Lausanne University and at the Geneva Observatory doing research on the photometric classification of supergiant stars, analyzing the stars' light from remote sites in the Swiss Alps and Chile. At the end of 1976, he accepted a Fellowship at ESA's Space Science Department at Noordwijk in the Netherlands. The high point was his participation as a payload specialist in a *Spacelab* simulation mission at Ames Research Center the following year.

In 1976, Nicollier left his job as a DC-9 pilot for Swiss Air to enter ESA, knowing that the selection of three European astronauts would be made the next year.

"I put myself deliberately in a situation that would increase my chance of being chosen and it worked," Nicollier says. It was in July 1978 that ESA selected Nicollier as one of three European payload specialists to train for the *Spacelab-1* mission.

And it wasn't that Nicollier had grown up with the space program. He was 17 when Yuri Gagarin made the first manned orbital flight in 1961. But as he developed an interest in aviation and astrophysics, the young Swiss followed with interest the growing Soviet and American space programs in the late 1960s.

"I was fascinated by it, but I didn't think by that time that I could become an astronaut because it seemed on one hand that you had to be a citizen in one of these big countries doing space research and on the other hand there was a very small group and they were test pilots. They were doing things that I had not been doing, although my interests were definitely also in that direction."

Though Nicollier hadn't grown up with the space program, he had grown up with airplanes, at least model planes, bought for him by a father who had always had the desire to be a pilot himself.

## \$40m wind screen needed around Calif. launch pad

By Thomas O'Toole

WASHINGTON, (WP) — The U.S. Air Force will have to build a \$40 million wind screen around its space shuttle launch pad at California's Vandenberg Air Force Base to protect the shuttle while it is being fitted with the huge external fuel tank it carries on its way into orbit.

The Air Force is constructing a second launch complex in California to put the shuttle into the North-South, or polar, orbit. That orbit, combined with the earth's rotation, will carry it over the entire surface of the earth. Military reconnaissance satellites use this orbit, as do many weather and scientific satellites.

The shuttle cannot go into polar orbit from Cape Canaveral because of safety consideration: It would have to fly over some of the largest cities on the east coast to do so. From Vandenberg, it would be launched over the Pacific Ocean.

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In getting missile approval

# German 'think tank' notes NATO failure

MUNICH, West Germany, Feb. 15 (AP) —

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has lost the war of words over placing American Pershing and Cruise missiles in Europe, the West German defense policy "think tank" Wehrkund Gesellschaft concluded at its annual session this weekend.

Growing European neutralist and pacifist

opposition stem from NATO's failure to explain how the proposed Cruise and 572 Pershing-2 missiles to be installed in late 1983 are part of a global strategy of dissuasion rather than an effort to create a European theater, British Conservative member of Parliament Geoffrey Paticie said.

Among the other participants at the session were American Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, West German Defense Minister Hans Apel, NATO commander in chief Gen. Bernard Rogers, NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns, U.S. ambassador to West Germany Arthur Burns, U.S. delegate to the Geneva disarmament talks Paul Nitze, and American State Department political-military affairs director Richard Burt.

Paticie cited a United States Communications Agency (USCA) poll from July, 1981, in five European countries which showed that while NATO is supported by a majority of 64 percent in West Germany, 59 percent in Britain and 56 percent in the Netherlands, Italians are divided almost 50-50 between NATO and neutrality and a majority of French opted for neutrality.

Indeed, from March to July, 1981, neutral tendencies rose by 10 percent in the countries polled, except in West Germany where the rise was only four percent. This neutrality was particularly marked over conflicts between the United States and the Soviet Union, even if such national issues as commercial exchanges and Siberian gas were involved.

Sixty-five percent of Italians, 60 percent of Britons, 58 percent of the French, and 54 percent of the Dutch wanted their governments to do everything possible to avoid involvement in U.S.-Soviet disputes, while in West Germany 41 percent were for neutrality and 45 percent for supporting the United States, according to the July poll.

Paticie said these figures arose from the belief that the NATO strategy of dissuasion would not ensure peace. The British MP said NATO had failed to explain to the public that avoiding war meant convincing possible enemies and had the means and the will to resist aggression. This was why the Pershing-2 Cruise missiles were necessary, he said.

He said the unfortunate policy of talking of a European theater had led people to believe the United States wanted to limit a nuclear war with the Soviet Union to Europe, while in fact that American missile proposal was in response to European fears of U.S. withdrawal from a Europe faced with the Soviet SS-20 missiles.

Also unfortunate was talk of limited nuclear weapons when in fact the new missiles are strategic and not localized, Paticie said.

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Former Times of London editor Sir William Rees-Mogg on Sunday accused publisher Rupert Murdoch of planning to shut down the famous newspaper and its sister paper, *The Sunday Times*, while keeping the ownership of the titles.

In a letter to British Trade Secretary John Biffen, Rees-Mogg dubbed as illegal the controversial transfer by Murdoch of the ownership of the two newspaper titles from Times Newspapers Ltd. to the parent company, News International, which also owns two other British national newspapers.

The decision to transfer the titles was reportedly taken at a meeting of *Times* newspapers directors at the end of last year. But it emerged only last week after Murdoch said he will close the heavily losing newspapers unless unions agree to slashing the payroll by 25 percent, mainly among editorial staff, by the end of this week.

The newspaper's six independent national directors, appointed when Murdoch bought the two newspapers a year ago, as "watchdogs" to his guarantees of editorial independence said they were not consulted about the change.

Murdoch bought the newspapers a month ahead of a shutdown closure by the previous owners, the Toronto-based Thomson Organization, on grounds it could no longer

stand the heavy losses.

The state-fund Monopolies Commission, empowered under the Fair Trading Act to investigate all transfers of major newspapers, recommended government approval of the deal on stringent conditions, which included the appointment of independent national directors.

Approval of the independent directors, who sit on a separate board, is necessary before Murdoch, head of a press and television empire stretching from Australia to the United States, can sell "or otherwise dispose" of the newspapers.

In a statement published in *The Sunday Times*, Murdoch said the "transfer was done to protect the titles" after legal advice. He added: "it does not in any way affect either the control of these newspapers or the guarantees of editorial independence..."

*The Times* itself as well as other rival national newspapers carried the transfer story on Saturday. *The Times* said the move could be seen as increasing Murdoch's "leverage" in his demand for 600 jobs cuts from the newspapers' 2,600-strong payroll.

"One consequence is that he could retain the titles after closing the newspapers and liquidating *Times* national newspapers," said *The Times* story.

Murdoch issued the latest closure ultimatum last Monday, saying the heavily

over-manned newspapers were "bleeding to death" and would lose 15 million pounds (\$27.75 million) this year, putting the whole News International group in the red.

Murdoch said he will close the 197-year-old *Times*, flagship of the British press, and *The Sunday Times*, first published in 1822, but never sell them. Rees-Mogg, deputy chairman of the British Broadcasting Corp. Since retiring from *The Times* when Murdoch bought it, said he believed that transfer was "not lawful."

The move aroused speculation in rival newspapers that Murdoch may liquidate *Times* Newspapers Ltd., seek to pay lower severance pay on grounds that the company no longer had the papers, and then restart them, with lower manning levels.

*The Observer* quoted Rees-Mogg as saying Sunday "What Rupert wants is to liquidate the present company and keep the titles to himself. That's clearly his intention."

Meanwhile, a union leader said Sunday there is "absolutely no prospect" of agreement to 600 layoffs by the end of this week.

John Mitchell, London secretary of the main clerical union, the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel, said: "we have asked the management to remove the deadline... but they have refused."

# 'Star night' twinkles in Manhattan

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP) — With jokes from George Burns, songs from Harry Belafonte and speeches from Princess Grace and Elizabeth Taylor, one of the greatest casts in show business history saluted their profession Sunday at a \$2 million benefit for the Actors' Fund of America.

Billed as the "Night of 100 Stars," the performance at Radio City Music Hall in midtown Manhattan actually boasted nearly 200 celebrities — many of whom arrived at stage door in limousines to the cheers of hundreds of fans who crowded behind police barricades under bright television lights. The Big Apple had rolled out the red carpet so the stars could promenade after the show up the avenue of the Americas to a supper ball at the Hilton Hotel.

Inside, a sell-out crowd of 5,882 — who paid from \$30 to \$1,000 for a seat — cheered as the show opened with conductor Tommy Newsom and a 36-piece orchestra rising from the pit, playing "Everything's Coming up Roses," and "There's No Business Like Show Business." Fancy gowns, furs and jewels were everywhere to be seen on the women in the audience, while men all wore black tie and tuxedos.

The Night's first standing ovation came when Bette Davis walked on stage during a film-clip tribute to the Hollywood superstars. The audience was back on its feet cheering louder than ever as the tribute ended with an ailing James Cagney rising from the orchestra pit seated on a chair. He was quickly surrounded by eight other stars — Miss Davis, Lillian Gish, Gregory Peck, Ginger Rogers, James Stewart, Paul Newman, Myrna Loy and Gene Kelley.

The 86-year-old Burns followed the 36 high-kicking rockettes on stage, and he ended his routine with a country-Western tune, "I Wish I Was 18 Again" — an appropriate note for a night dedicated to raising funds for constructing a nursing home for aged performers.

The black-tie, centennial celebration for the fund, created in 1882 to help needy members of the entertainment community, will be boiled down for a three-hour special to be broadcast March 8 on ABC-TV.

The showcase of the best from the worlds of TV, film, Broadway, music and sports will be aired March 8 in England, Mexico, France and Italy, and later in other nations for a total global TV audience estimated at 250 million, according to the Broadway producer who put the show together with his wife, Hildy Parks.

A former actor by the name of Ronald Reagan was to be awarded the Actors' Fund's special medal of achievement, last given to President William Howard Taft in 1910.

Nightmarish tenure with legion

## American's French adventure ends in death

COSTA MESA, California, Feb. 15 (AP) — A heartbroken California man who joined the French Foreign Legion to forget his lost love became a virtual prisoner of the legion, tried to escape, then died before he could get out, his mother says.

Randy Lee went to Paris last spring when he "couldn't handle" the marriage of his beloved to another man and subsequently was recruited into the famed Foreign Legion, his mother, Judy Lee, said Saturday.

But instead of a romantic adventure, Lee's tenure with the legion turned into a nightmare of his own making, complete with mysterious phone calls and coded letters. It ended in his death. He died in a Feb. 3 plane crash with 30 other legionnaires at Djibouti, French Somalia, in East Africa, his mother said she was told last week.

Mrs. Lee, a loan officer at a Costa Mesa savings and loan in Orange county, had tried through U.S. diplomatic channels to get her son out. But little could be done because her son had signed a valid contract, said Jim Webb, State Department press officer.

After Lee's death, Mrs. Lee said, her request to see his body and to have it prepared for autopsy was denied and she

learned it could be six months before the body is returned home for burial.

Lee, 19, a popular singer-pianist in Newport Beach, "wanted to go back to Europe and get his head together," Mrs. Lee said. "He said there were too many memories here."

He met some legion recruiters in Paris. Lee's friends have told her, "They offered him lot of money, a chance to travel all over the world," she said.

Signed to a five-year contract, Lee headed for Auhagne, near Marseilles, where like all recruits, he was given a new identity, Mrs. Lee said. He became paratrooper Lawrence Leon.

When she sought information about the legendary corps, Mrs. Lee was told by the American Embassy in Paris that recruits "must be capable of forgetting their past, their family and their friends. When a man enlists, his passport is taken from him and he is given another name. The passport is returned to him when he completes his contract..."

At first the legion denied that her son had enlisted, Mrs. Lee said. When she sent him messages that his grandfather died, although

the death actually occurred five years ago, Lee finally called — from the office of his commanders — and did not let on front of the legionnaires that it was a false message.

Several months later Mrs. Lee received the first of several coded letters from Randy talking of "that little blue book you used to read to me... that little blue book would make mighty nice reading right now."

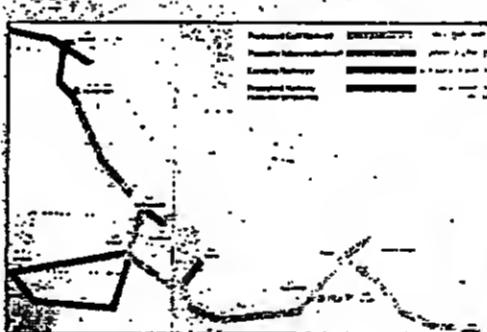
Mrs. Lee said there had been no such book, but, aided by a private investigator, she figured out he meant his passport. In other letters Mrs. Lee said were smuggled out by a friend on the base he told her he wanted to escape.

He learned he tried unsuccessfully to escape in November and again in December. Later, Lee called his sister to plead for help.

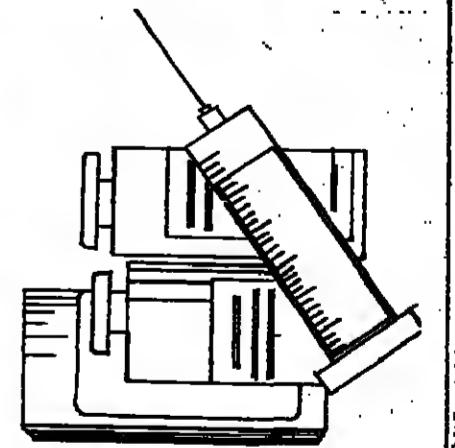
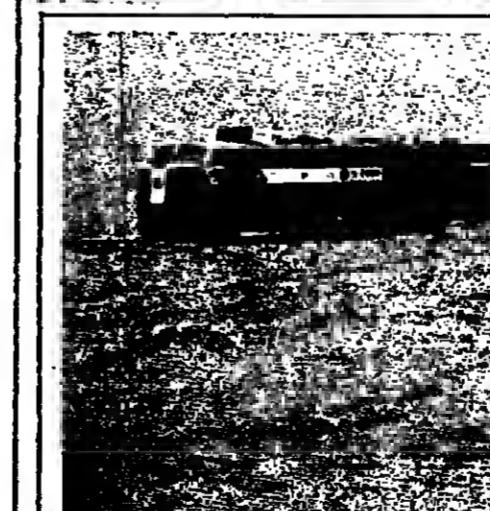
On Wednesday, the French consul called Mrs. Lee and said Randy had been in the crash that also killed several top commanders of the French Army. Early reports had said no Americans were aboard. A national day of mourning was declared in France Friday.

Under French law, Lee's body cannot be returned home until his name is legally changed back to Randall Lee, which could take up to six months, Mrs. Lee said.

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# Irish poll set for Thursday

*Parties expected to keep positions*

DUBLIN, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Ireland's three main parties are expected to maintain their positions when the country elects a new parliament Thursday. The 23rd Dáil Eireann will have 166 seats from 41 districts. The outgoing parliament, elected in June, 1981, had the following composition — Fianna Fail 78 seats, Fine Gael 65, Labor 15 and small parties 8.

The Fianna Fail (soldiers of destiny) party of former Prime Minister Charles Haughey has the largest number of candidates. Founded in 1927 by Eamon de Valera, the "patriarch" of the republic, the Fianna Fail is today moderate — more populist than socialist — and well connected in industry. It has formed most of the governments since independence and has always had at least a pluralist in parliament.

The Fine Gael (Gaelic family) party of the outgoing Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald is the second largest and governed from 1973-77. Founded in 1932 by William Cosgrave, it is centrist and popular with both young people and the up-and-coming professionals who live in the cities.

However, the Labor Party of Deputy Prime Minister Michael O'Leary, which formed the outgoing majority coalition with Fine Gael, has never been as popular as its British big brother. Ireland has a smaller working class vote and the Labor Party, as its non-Gaelic name shows, is not as close to the republican tradition as Fianna Fail and Fine Gael.

Among the smaller parties are the Socialist Sinn Féin Workers Party, with 15 candidates. The political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), the provisional Sinn Féin, is proposing seven candidates, most of them charged in Ulster with belonging to the IRA.

The Irish Socialist Republican Party, the political wing of the National Army of Irish Liberation, has six candidates, while the Communist Party and the Socialist People's Democracy Party have two candidates each, with activist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey running for the People's Party.

The party system is especially important due to Ireland's proportional vote, in which voters indicate the order of preference for several candidates rather than choosing just one or several without preference indicated. Candidates are elected according to a quota calculated from the number of voters and seats. Ballots on which candidates are preferred second, third etc., are eventually used as the quota is filled.

## Bees invade Caracas

CARACAS, Feb. 14 (AFP) — African killer bees have invaded Venezuela's capital and spread fear among its 3.5 million people. Authorities have appealed for calm, while extermination teams have been formed to repel the flying visitors whose stings have killed 10 persons in the southeast part of the country in the last two years.

The bees entered Venezuela from Brazil, where they caused numerous deaths in the Amazon region. Victims of bee stings, according to instructions distributed by medical authorities, should stretch out in the shade, remove the stinger, put ice cubes on the sting and seek medical help.

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The discoveries, announced by Security Minister Emerson Munangagwa at a news conference Monday in Bulawayo, were the latest in a series of arms finds over the past 10 days that have brought tensions between Joshua Nkomo's PF and Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) to their lowest point since independence in April 1980. Munangagwa's news conference followed the PF's formal denial Sunday that it had known about the arms caches or planned any treasonous action.

The state radio quoted Munangagwa, a Mugabe loyalist, as saying the authorities had found an unspecified amount of military equipment in the Castle Arms Hotel, owned by the Nitram Com., of which Nkomo is a director. Munangagwa said among the material was electronic equipment capable of jamming all communications within the country, including the state-run Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC). The security minister said authorities had also found arms caches on the Umguza cooperative complex near Bulawayo, run by the PF.

Munangagwa did not say when the Umguza and Castle arms finds were made. However, it is known that the hotel was searched on Feb. 8, two days after the discovery of thousands of light and heavy weapons on the Nitram-owned Ascot Farm near Bulawayo that triggered the present crisis. The PF central committee met Sunday and afterward issued a statement registering its "dismay at the deliberate attempt" by Mugabe to "build a case" against the party.

The rift between the PF, which holds 20 of 100 seats in parliament, and Mugabe's ZANU, which has a commanding 57 seats, comes in the wake of a reshuffle last month by Nkomo of a suggestion by the prime minister that they merge their rival movements. Mugabe has repeatedly said in recent months that he would like to see Zimbabwe transformed into a one-party state.

## BRIEFS

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao arrived in Bangkok Monday for talks which are likely to center on Thailand's strained relations with neighboring Vietnamese-backed Cambodia.

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, (AFP) — An East German was arrested Friday in Nuremberg on charges of spying for the East German State Security Ministry, it was reported here Monday. Police identified the man as Wolfgang Albertin, 41.

BONN, (AFP) — The head of the ruling West German Social-Democratic Party's parliamentary group, Herbert Wehner, is to visit Warsaw at the end of the week, the party announced Monday.

DAR ES SALAAM, (AFP) — Australia is expected to help in the training of Ugandan National Army, outgoing Australian High Commissioner to Tanzania Edwin Ride said at the weekend. Ride, speaking at a farewell dinner held in his honor by the Tanzanian Commonwealth Society (TCS) here, said his country will cooperate with other Commonwealth countries to help Uganda in its task of creating a new national army.



## Arms caches

## Murder case against JAL captain mulled

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (AP) — Police are considering a murder charge against the captain of a Japan Air Lines (JAL) DC-8 that crashed into Tokyo Bay last week, killing 24 persons, it was reported here Monday.

*Sankei Shimbun*, a popular Tokyo daily, said that police were looking into the possibility of a murder charge under the aviation hazards law. This followed reports of a scuffle in the cockpit shortly before the crash and indications that Capt. Seiji Katagiri, 35, have been behaving strangely.

A murder charge under the aviation hazards law provides for a prison sentence of seven years or more if convicted — a more severe penalty than the minimum of three years in jail for a similar crime under the criminal code.

Police said that it would be difficult to prove criminal responsibility of the pilot, however, if his action were found to be attributable to illness. JAL officials said last Tuesday that Capt. Katagiri was once suspended from his duties for a month for a psychosomatic disorder.



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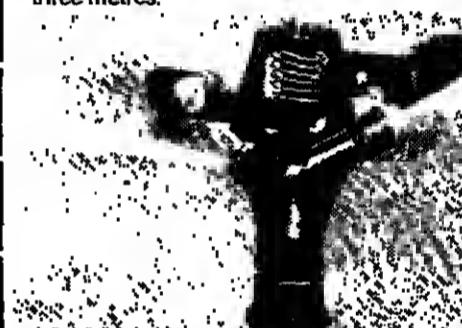
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# Banks gross assets jump to \$1.4 trillion

BASEL, Feb. 15 (AFP) — International Banking activity accelerated sharply in the third quarter of last year after an unusually weak first half, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) reported here Monday.

As of Sept. 30, the gross external assets of banks reporting to the BIS (from industrialized countries and their offshore centers) totaled \$1,423 trillion, a \$76 billion increase from the previous quarter. The second quarter had seen a drop of more than \$2 billion, mostly due to the appreciation of the dollar.

Allowing for the dollar's rising exchange rate, the growth of assets was still "substantial" in the third quarter, exceeding \$71 billion (constant), after \$39 billion in the second period.

The underlying growth of international credit (a figure that takes into account duplications due to successive interbank deposits) reached \$45 billion in the third trimester after \$35 billion in the second and \$30 billion in the first, for a \$110 billion total.

The BIS report showed that OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) members became net borrowers for the first time since 1978.

## Iraq ups oil sale to Italy

NICOSIA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Iraq will supply 100,000 barrels of oil a day to the Italian oil company ENI during 1982, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported in its latest issue.

This would be an increase over the average 100,000 barrels per day delivered to Italy during 1981, MEES said. Iraq supplied Italy about 200,000 barrels of crude per day before its war with Iran broke out in September 1980.

Last October Iraq foreign minister said his country was ready to improve economic relations with Italy, particularly by increasing the volume of oil to Italy.

Meanwhile, the national Spanish oil company is considering signing a contract with Iraq for the purchase of 40,000 barrels of crude per day for this year.

## Hong Kong, U.S. mull textile pact

HONG KONG, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The United States and Hong Kong government officials have entered the first of a series of bilateral textile negotiations that are expected to have a bearing on all Asian suppliers.

These discussions are for a new bilateral pact to replace the textiles agreement which expires at the end of this year as do most of the similar American pacts with other areas in Asia.

Negotiations of this kind are nothing new. What is new and most significant is that this time they are being held under the provisions of the new multi-fiber arrangement (MFA) governing world trade in textiles.

The outcome of the American-Hong Kong bargaining is considered important not only for Hong Kong but, in the sense of an MFA test case, equally important for all Asian exporters as it may, one way or the other, influence the attitude of importing nations of the European Economic Community (EEC), split into the hawks and doves camps, when their turn comes to negotiate bilateral pacts.

The most relevant point is that the new MFA has removed the six percent annual growth rate previously allowed to exporting countries. Thus, quotas under new agreements will depend entirely on bilateral negotiations.

After the birth of the new MFA, the chief American delegate was reported as having said the United States would not be seeking cuts in existing quota levels for fresh bilateral agreements. How true this will be known only when an agreement with Hong Kong is concluded.

## Unions' talks set in New Caledonia

NOUMEA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — French-ruled New Caledonia will host the second international conference of trades unions from Pacific countries sometime between now and the end of March, local union leader Gaston Himeun announced here Monday.

Neither the exact date of the conference nor the topics on the agenda have yet been fixed. More than 100 union delegates from 13 countries, including Japan, are expected to attend. Himeun, deputy secretary of the Combined Unions of manual and Office Workers (USOENC), said.

## Floods cause devastation Forest denudation costs Philippines dearly

MANILA, Feb. 15 (Depthnews) — Almost a year ago, floods turned vast areas of the Mindanao heartland in troubled southern Philippines into veritable swamps of human suffering and devastation.

The floods again visited the same areas with tragic consequences in late January this year. This year's death toll — 13 and 28 missing and presumed dead — was much lower than 1981's official count of 228 dead and 32 missing.

But damage to crops, roads, bridges and public and private buildings was high. Estimates are that this year's damage to property would approximate the 1981 figure of 300 million pesos (\$40 million).

"The floods have become a yearly ritual of death and destruction in Mindanao," said a government official involved in relief operations. What he failed to mention, however, is that the floods are a tragic and appalling reminder to the seemingly unabated destruction of the country's forests by indiscriminate slash-and-burn farming or shifting cultivation and logging operations.

The floods also are a precursor of what lies in store for the country if the "rape" of the virgin forests continues. This year's floods — as well as last year's — devastated

some of northern Mindanao's most productive farmlands in the provinces of Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental and Davao del Norte.

For the past two years, the floods have been appearing with alarming regularity in these provinces after days of heavy continuous downpour. Weathermen explain that northern and northeastern Mindanao is usually rainy this time of the year due to the tail end of a cold front and the surge of the northeast monsoon.

Mindanao has always been a happy hunting ground for the vast riches from its forests. In fact, the region supplies about three-quarters of the total registered commercial log production in the country, according to a study by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The study, covering 16 Asian and Pacific nations, is the first-ever comprehensive survey of the region's forest resources. FAO conducted the survey in collaboration with the U.N. Environment Program.

Assessing the situation, the study says: destruction of Asia's forests continues at an alarming pace, averaging 1.8 million hectares a year or 5,000 hectares a day. Frantic governments have instituted measures to arrest the rapid decline, but so far, success

has been "very limited." In its section on the Philippines, the study frankly states that "shifting cultivation and uncontrolled logging are, no doubt, the main contributing factors" for the continued degradation of the country's once-vast forest resources. As evidence, it cites the large tracts of cogen grasslands, a common sight in the country, as examples of a, one-time indiscriminate use of the land.

The country's annual deforestation rate is between 100,000 and 250,000 hectares in the same league as Malaysia, India, Laos and Burma. And in all this, the heaviest damage has been inflicted by the money-bungry loggers and the *kaingineros* who destroy the forests simply to eke out a living.

The FAO-UNEP study explains it this way: from actual field observations, most of the Filipino loggers are not particularly interested in protecting the logged-over areas in their concessions.

The logging roads are already constructed; little effort is needed on the part of the *kaingineros* since the large trees have already been felled; and the slopes are gentle enough for farming since the logger prefers to cut trees in the accessible portions of the concession.

## Australia rejects plea to devalue

CANBERRA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The Australian government has rejected calls for a major devaluation of the Australian dollar.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, in his weekly radio broadcast, said Sunday that the government would continue with the current practice of small adjustments to the dollar's rate against a basket of other currencies.

Fraser has been under pressure from Australian rural industries, liberal members of Parliament, and even treasury advisers, to devalue the currency to help the balance of payments which is running deeper into deficit.

The Prime Minister said: "The government's approach in this area is one of carefully managed exchange rate with very gentle, sometimes almost imperceptible adjustments according to the overall state of the balance of payments, but also with regard to other important considerations such as inflationary implications."

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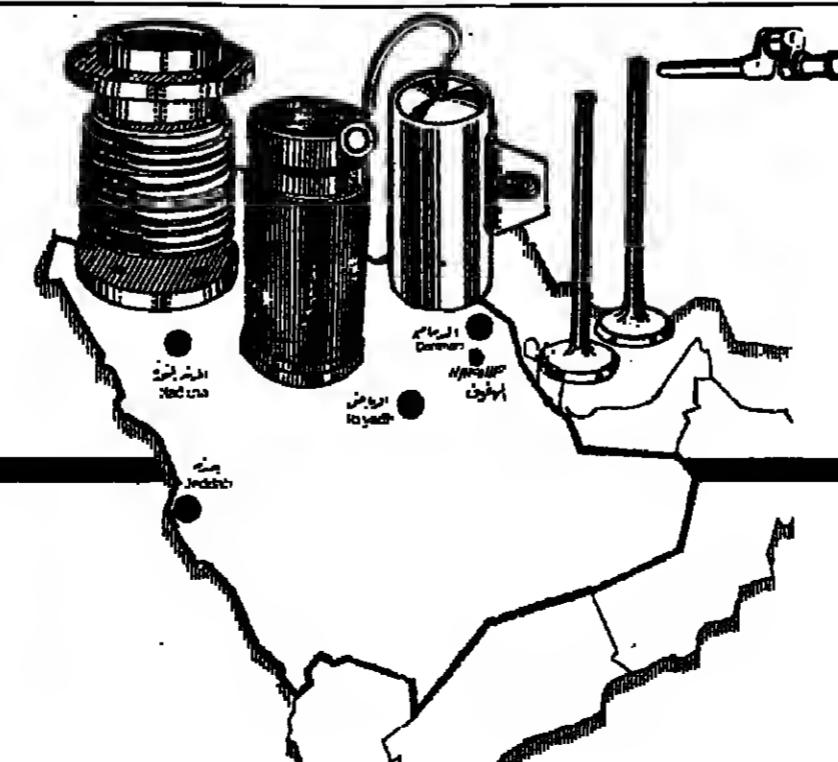
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With CAA unrelenting

## License issue bugs Laker plan

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Plans by Sir Freddie Laker to launch a new airline in April in partnership with tycoon Ronald Rowland faded Monday when the Civil Aviation Authority said applications for licenses would involve "a lengthy process."

CAA licensees granted to Laker to fly from Britain to America are due to be suspended Wednesday following the collapse of Laker Airways Feb. 5 owing 210 million pounds (\$382.2 million) to a consortium of 27 international banks.

Laker, 59, pioneer of cheap air travel, has said he will apply to the CAA to have the licenses renewed to enable him to operate the planned new airline and threatened last Friday that he would scrap plans to launch it if the CAA delayed.

But a CAA spokesman said Monday that until Laker's case was studied the CAA did not know whether it was possible to transfer the existing Laker licenses to the planned new airline or whether Laker would have to apply for new licenses.

He said that in either case "it would appear that a lengthy process would be required." He said that if objections were received from other airlines — as press reports say seems almost certain — the CAA would have to conduct lengthy public hearings.

The spokesman, who in accordance with British practice declined to be named, added: "we are waiting for Sir Freddie Laker to put his proposals to us."

Earlier, Roland "Tim" Rowland, boss of the giant international trading empire, Lonrho, who has joined forces with Sir Freddie Laker to try and launch a new "people's airline," said in a report published Monday that the finances of the venture would be "watched like a hawk" to ensure it does not go the same way as he told the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper that Laker would not be in charge of the airline finances when the deal gets off the ground. Executives of his own group would be responsible for that part of the venture, Rowland said.

"Naturally, it has to be a commercially sound proposal," said Rowland, "or Lonrho and I will have nothing to do with it." The future of the Laker-Rowland enterprise depends on the outcome of an application of Britain's Civil Aviation Authority for licenses to operate.

Laker and Rowland hope the CAA will treat their application as an extension of the Laker Airways licenses, rather than a new company which would mean putting their request at the back of a long line of those of other airlines.

## Freight rates plummet anew

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The freight market took another downward twist last week, with rates at their lowest since 1978 in the main grain trades and for time-charter trips.

Ship brokers say this "alarming situation" is largely caused by the continuing presence of "combination" vessels — capable of carrying oil or dry cargo — sheltering from the weak oil trades. They are equally worried by the number of "new buildings" coming on to the market and the inadequate number of available cargoes.

The International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners, INTERCARGO, has urged its members and other shipowners to resist ordering new ships, regardless of the low prices being offered by shipbuilders.

The General Council of British Shipping's combined tramp trip charter index for world shipping last month was the lowest since August 1978, with the 50,000/d4.999 ton category suffering the worst.

Grain chartering was generally well below the seasonal norm, and the lowest rate since December 1978 was recorded in the "barometer" trans-Atlantic (U.S./Europe) trade when \$7/ton was paid to a 70,000-tonner, \$1.25 down on the previous week. Just a year ago, \$19 was paid for a similar fixture.

Elsewhere in grain, the U.S. Gulf/Japan rate was steady at \$1.75/ton was paid to a 28,000-tonner. Meanwhile, a 35,000-ton grain cargo was fixt out of the U.S. Atlantic coast to Japan at \$18.50/ton, with an option of loading out of the U.S. Gulf at \$18.

Soviet charterers were very much less in evidence, although the Soviet Union made its first grain purchase from the United States since President Ronald Reagan imposed

Rowland said he was confident of persuading the CAA to grant the necessary licenses. "We believe we can present this as a reconstructed company, not as a new application at all," he said.

Supporting his prospective partner, Rowland shrugged aside criticism surrounding the collapse of Laker Airways. "This is a cut-throat industry," he said, "and in that kind of atmosphere it is possible to get very bad hurt with hardly any warning."

Just because the old Laker Airways structure didn't work, there is no reason to suppose that the new airline would have the same problems."

Meanwhile, Laker was reported to have spent Sunday in Paris, accompanied by a Lonrho board member.

The reason for the visit was not known, but there was speculation it was related to the 10 A-300 Airbuses he ordered from the French led consortium Airbus Industries before Laker Airways folded.

Airbus Industries official Bernard Lathiere refused to confirm or deny the report of Laker's arrival in Paris.

Laker and Rowland hope the CAA will treat their application as an extension of the Laker Airways licenses, rather than a new company which would mean putting their request at the back of a long line of those of other airlines.

## Expert links security to ending hunger

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois, Feb. 15 (AP) — World peace will be impossible as long as 500 million people are not getting enough to eat, an official of an anti-poverty group told a conference at the University of Illinois.

"Unless we end world hunger we can't have true peace," Stephen Coats of Bread for the World said Sunday. Coats and U.S. representative Paul Findley, Republican-Illinois, addressed the opening session of a two-day conference at the University on world food systems. Coats said hunger often leads to violence, and the United States could be drawn into the conflict.

He said the gap is widening between the amount of food developing nations can produce and the amount they need. An estimated 500 million people do not get enough to eat, he said. "It's a moral challenge for us," he said. "It's something we can overcome."

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Ore cargoes also attracted attention again, although no agreement was reported between producers and consumers on prices for the coming year. "Combo" tonnage was popular in this trade. Several ore and coal cargoes were still available in front of the week end from North America and Australia to Japan, South Korea and Pakistan.

Fertilizers continued to absorb a regular number of small vessels at steady rates for discharge in India. Time chartering was quiet, with the equivalent of \$4.85 a ton paid to a 27,600-tonner for a trip from the Far East to Europe, down \$1.25 on the previous low and the cheapest since December 1978.

Grain chartering was generally well below the seasonal norm, and the lowest rate since December 1978 was recorded in the "barometer" trans-Atlantic (U.S./Europe) trade when \$7/ton was paid to a 70,000-tonner, \$1.25 down on the previous week. Just a year ago, \$19 was paid for a similar fixture.

Elsewhere in grain, the U.S. Gulf/Japan rate was steady at \$1.75/ton was paid to a 28,000-tonner. Meanwhile, a 35,000-ton grain cargo was fixt out of the U.S. Atlantic coast to Japan at \$18.50/ton, with an option of loading out of the U.S. Gulf at \$18.

Soviet charterers were very much less in evidence, although the Soviet Union made its first grain purchase from the United States since President Ronald Reagan imposed

various organizations this year, but they gave no further details. Mexico and Venezuela have stepped in to alleviate Haiti's soaring fuel bill by including it in a regional plan through which they supply cheap oil to about a dozen countries. Haiti receives 7,000 barrels per day through the so-called San Jose agreement.

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PARIS, (AP) — The French group Alsthom Atlantique has won a 2,500 million franc (\$420 million) contract to equip two 900 megawatt nuclear power stations at Ulchin, South Korea, Alsthom announced here Monday. It added that much of the work would be sub-contracted to South Korean industry.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — The state-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) has won a \$100,000 consultancy contract in Turkey for the establishment of a plant to manufacture turbines, generators and

## Financial Roundup

### Dollar's march unchecked

By J. H. Hammond

awaiting reaction of the American money markets Tuesday night.

In the European exchanges, the French franc fell back to 6,100S levels by midday, but later recovered to 6,080 after some spirited French central bank support. The British pound lost more than one cent to fall to 1.8280, while the German mark crossed the 2.400 level to trade at 2.4080, in Frankfurt. The mark has been particularly hard hit by the recent rises in American dollar interest rates which has widened the gap between German and American rates by as much as 6 percent in favor of the latter currency. In other currency news, the Swiss franc weakened to 1.9230, while the yen fell back to 241.20.

In the local markets, riyal rates were also firm in most tenors and there was some active dealing in the short end of the market; gold slipped back to \$375 an ounce in London, compared with \$378 on Friday. Bullion dealers said that the market had been made nervous due to renewed reports of Russian and Iranian selling of gold in Switzerland.

With the New York markets closed Monday night in celebration of President Washington's birthday, the European markets reacted to last Friday's U.S. money supply rises by pushing up Eurodollar rates further. One-month dollar rates traded at 16.13/16 percent while the medium term three-month rate touched 17 percent in London at one stage. In the longer periods, the one year rate was quoted at 16.9/16 percent. In the short end of the market, as dealers were still

## Share prices tumble in France

### Japan's deficit touches \$1.8b

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Japan suffered a \$1.85 billion trade deficit on a customs clearance basis in January, the Finance Ministry announced in a preliminary report Monday. This compared with a \$1.52 billion surplus in December 1981 and a \$1.48 billion deficit in January last year. January exports were up 8.8 percent over a year ago at \$10.28 billion and imports were up 1.7 percent at \$12.14 billion, the report said.

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LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — The market closed easier, reflecting disappointment with the U.S. money supply figures which gave rise to fears of higher U.S. interest rates dealers said. At 1500 hours the *Financial Times* index was down 5.7 at 564.8.

Government bonds paring falls of half a point to about 3/4 point in small two way interest and equity leaders were mixed but with an easier bias, dealers added.

Gold shares weakened with the bullion price and most overseas issues were inclined easier, dealers said.

GEC headed 7p off at 82, Blue Circle was 6p down at 520 and most other industrials showed minor losses. IC1 firms 4p to 350 following demand ahead of results due next week and investment support pushed up Bowater to 250p from 239.

Leading oil eased as much as 4p but insurance firms up to 5p and banks held steady.

Associated Communications firms 9p to 85 on news Heron International will increase its bid subject to the outcome of current court proceedings, dealers said.

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**With Bird sinking timely basket**

## Celtics turn tables on Lakers

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP) — Turnabout is fair play where the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers are concerned.

On Sunday, one week after a 119-113 loss to the Lakers in Boston, the Celtics turned the tables on the West Coast, edging Los Angeles 108-103 in a National Basketball Association action Sunday night. Larry Bird, frustrated for most of the game and held to just 12 points, scored on a key three-point play — a scoop shot and a free throw — with 29 seconds remaining to give Boston a 107-103 lead.

Cedric Maxwell led the Boston scoring against the Lakers with 27 points, as the Celtics rallied after trailing 79-74 at the start of the final period. Jamaal Wilkes paced the Lakers with 25 points.

The Celtics, who trailed most of the game, went ahead to stay on Gerald Henderson's free throw that made it 91-90 with 5:13 to play. Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored five points in a row to bring the Lakers back from a 104-98 deficit, but missed a free throw that would have tied the contest and Bird followed with his three-point play.

Philadelphia 76ers 117, New York Knicks 105: Julius Erving and Andrew Toney scored 26 points apiece and Philadelphia pulled away in the final two minutes for its sixth straight victory. Mike Newlin scored 23 and Maurice Lucas 19 for the Knicks, who led by 11 points in the third quarter but were outscored 20-7 the rest of the period. Toney connected for a pair of baskets and Maurice

Checkers converted two free throws to ignite a 13-4 spurt down the stretch.

Milwaukee Bucks 125, Cleveland Cavaliers 97: Marques Johnson scored 30 points, connecting on 13 of 14 shots, to lead Milwaukee to its ninth straight victory. The Bucks scored



Julius Erving...sparks for 76ers

the game's first eight points and were never in trouble in opening out a 97-77 bulge entering the final period.

San Antonio Spurs 114, Seattle SuperSonics 94: Mark Olberding scored 25 points and reserve center Dave Corzine added a

season-high 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead San Antonio to a 114-94 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. The Spurs led throughout the second-half in winning for the fourth time in as many meetings with Seattle this season. Coming off the bench in relief of George Johnson, who is suffering from bronchitis, Corzine played 7 minutes in leading the Spurs to their 21st victory in 26 home games. He also held Sonics center Jack Sikma to six points in the second-half.

Golden State Warriors 103, Kansas City Kings 93: Purvis Short scored 24 points and Golden State held off a fourth-quarter Kansas City rally. The Kings, after trailing by as many as 29 points early in the third quarter, got within nine in the final minute. World B. Free and Joe Barry Carroll scored 18 points apiece to help the Warriors snap a three-game losing streak. Kansas City has lost 11 of its last 13.

Dallas Mavericks 111, New Jersey Nets 109: Jay Vincent scored 10 of Dallas' last 14 points and finished with a game-high 30 as the Mavericks recorded their 25th triumph in 39 games. They won only 15 all last year, the team's initial season in the NBA. Len Elmore a career-high 25 points for New Jersey, which had its four-game winning streak snapped.

Indiana Pacers 107, Portland Trail Blazers 91: Johnny Davis scored 25 points, while Billy Knight and Tom Owens added 19 apiece for Indiana, which fed most of the way. The Pacers led by 17 points in the last quarter.

## Desaulniers stretched by Talbott

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 15 (AP) — Top-ranked Michael Desaulniers, a Vancouver, Canada, native now living in New York, steadied himself after a temper tantrum in his semi-final match and defeated mark Talbott of the U.S. three games to two Sunday at the 50th World Professional Squash Association Championship.

Desaulniers, 24, the defending champion, was angry after both judges overruled the referee on a let call and caused him to lose the tiebreaker in his third game. He cooled down enough in the next game to win 15-11, 15-10, 15-15, 15-6. The bearded Desaulniers will face Clive Caldwell of Canada, ranked fourth, in Monday's final. Caldwell played a melodious game of hardball squash to down Stuart Goldstein of the U.S. 15-10, 15-11, 15-10.

"I let kit aggravate me too much," said Desaulniers, who slammed his racquet to the wooden floor after losing the third game. "But I apologized to him (during the break between games) and tried to get myself under control." The Janky Talbott, 21, couldn't capitalize on Desaulniers' mood and collapsed in the final game.

"Mike was just too good for me and he hit so many shots that had the ball flying out at me from different angles," said Talbott, who was unranked a year ago in his first season, but has moved up to No. 3 in the world in the last 17 months.

In the other semifinal, Caldwell faced a flat Goldstein and worked on his weakness, the backhand shot. "The up-and-down game is my trait but I felt very strong and was doing a lot with the ball," said Caldwell, 30, who lost to Goldstein in five games in their only other matchup this season, last October in Rochester.

Norman makes final  
Meanwhile, top seeds Ross Norman of New Zealand and Dean Williams of Australia won through to the men's final in an International Squash Tournament in Birmingham Saturday. The women's finalist are Brions Sue Cogswell and Lisa Opie.

Norman, 23, bad to battle hard in the men's semifinal to hold off a rally by Ian Robinson, the British No. 4. The New Zealander, ranked No. 8 in the world, won the first two games, but was pulled back to two games all before prevailing 9-4, 10-9, 5-9, 1-9, 9-4. Williams easily beat the British No. 2, Gavain Briars, 9-7, 9-0, 9-7.

Colgswell, former British champion, reached the women's final with an 8-10, 10-8, 9-0, 9-1 win over Australian Margaret Zachariah.

In January he set a record of 18-6-1-2 at the

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Andy North...strikes a bad patch

**As fancied players fail**

## Levi bags Hawaiian title

HONOLULU, Feb. 15 (AP) — Wayne Levi, playing steadily while his would-be challengers collapsed in disarray around him, fired a 2-under-par 70 and won the Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament by a single stroke Sunday.

Levi, 28, captured the third individual title of his six-year tour career with a 277 total, 11 strokes under par on the Waialae Country Club course, which winds its way some 6,881 yards through palm groves and along Pacific beaches.

The victory was worth \$58,500 from the total purse of \$325,000 and pushed Levi's earnings for the year to \$69,658 more than he won all last season. It also was the first victory

for the bright-orange golf ball that appeared on the tour late last season and has come into vogue this year.

Levi started the final round in a tie for the lead and, despite repeated challenges from a variety of sources, led or shared the lead for all but one hole. Former U.S. Open champion Andy North, Ben Crenshaw, 21-year-old Bobby Clampett, Chip Beck and Scott Simpson all made their bids. All but Simpson faded back, Crenshaw with a lost ball and a triple bogey, Clampett with a ball out of bounds and a double bogey, Beck with a decisive bogey on the 16th, and North on a string of consecutive bogeys.

Simpson hung on to take second at 278 after a closing, 3-under-par 69. Beck was next at 279 after a 68. Crenshaw and Clampett tied at 280. Crenshaw had a 70, despite his various difficulties. Clampett shot 71 and the disappointed North, who was tied for the lead on three separate occasions, closed with a 73.

Tom Watson, only two strokes back after three rounds and apparently poised for a challenge, simply never got started. The current Masters champion blew to a fat 76, including a ball out of bounds, and finished at 285.

He was tied at that figure with seniors champion Arnold Palmer, who matched par 72 over the last 18 holes. Bill Rogers, who last season broke Watson's four-year streak as player of the year, shot 73-286. Hale Irwin, who won this title at a record 23-under-par last season, was 4 strokes higher. He had a closing 70 and a 289 total.

Levi took command of the tournament with a six-foot eagle putt on the ninth hole, surrendered the top spot when he bogeyed the 12th, then regained a share of the lead with a birdie 4 on the 13th.

The critical hole, however, was the 15th. Levi lobbed his orange ball against the blue sky in a soft approach that stopped, some 2-to-3 feet from the cup. He made the birdie putt while North, the closest man at the time, three-putted. It was a 2-sot swing, which put Levi in control and he held it most of the way preserving the lead with a four-foot par-saving second put on the 17th.

## It's getting better all the time for Billy Olson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (WP) — In the last two weeks, Billy Olson twice has broken the indoor pole vaulting record. First, at Toronto, he vaulted 18 feet 8 1/4 inches. He eclipsed that mark last weekend at the Portland-Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, where he went 18-9 1/4.

Don't tell anybody, but Billy Olson has been bolding a little something back. "I haven't had the perfect jump yet," he said Tuesday from his home in Abilene, Tex. "But I'm going good, to say the least, but I don't think I've got everything I can out of the pole yet."

Olson, 23, says he's through fiddling around. He's ready to go for 19 feet. "My parents watched the Toronto jump on TV and they said I was six inches over the bar," said the Abilene University student. "And in Louisville I know I was two, three or four inches over."

Success has been sudden for Olson, who teaches in Abilene and who, with his shaggy blond hair, bears a resemblance to squeaky-clean singer John Denver. Two years ago he was one of the top U.S. vaulters, but nagging minor injuries kept him from soaring the record heights. Then, in a horrible training accident in September 1980, he broke every bone in his left wrist and dislocated his left elbow. It was such a mess doctors told him he'd be lucky to regain use of the wrist at all. He was in a cast for six months. The doctors said he'd never vault again.

"I saw the X-rays," said Olson. "It looked like scrambled eggs." He had fallen during a rope-vaulting exercise, using a rope hanging from the gym ceiling to soar over a bar. Olson landed on the gym floor from 18 feet up.

But even before the cast came off he was back at work. His coach, Don Hood, told him use of the left hand wasn't critical. He found his worst problem was in carrying the pole on the run, when almost all the weight is borne by the left wrist. In the actual vault most of the stress was on his right side, so he modified his run and carry and this winter things all came together.

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DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, (AP) — Veteran American driver Bobby Allison driving a Buick Regal won the 24th Daytona 500 miles race (804 kms) Sunday. The 44-year-old Allison, who won here in 1978, finished some 23 seconds clear of compatriot team-mate Cale Yarborough after clocking an average speed of 247.7 k.m.p.h.

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Salnikov of the Soviet Union has claimed a world record in the 800-meter freestyle swimming event after beating his old mark by nearly four seconds at the U.S.S.R. Open Championships, Tass reported Monday. Swimming in the 1,500-meter race Sunday, Salnikov covered 800 meters in 7:52.83, in the Moscow Olympic Pool to eclipse his former world record of 7:56.49 minutes set three years ago in Minsk.

ZIMR, Turkey, (R) — Cska Sofia of Bulgaria won the women's European Volleyball Cup-Winners' Cup by beating Dinamo Moscow of the Soviet Union 3-1 in the final Sunday.

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## BRIEFS

day, Slavia Bratislava of Czechoslovakia took third place with a 3-0 win over Starlift Voorburg of the Netherlands.

LONDON, (R) — Pierre Harper of Britain beat Bruno Royer of France 10-8 in the final of the Leon Paul Memorial Cup International Foil Fencing Tournament here Sunday. Udi Carmi took third place, beating Graham Paul of Britain 10-8.

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## Johan Kriek proves too good for McEnroe

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 15 (AP) — Johan Kriek, a volatile young South African who almost quit the tournament in the second round over line dispute, out-harted top-ranked John McEnroe 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 Sunday for the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship.

It was the second major victory for the 23-year-old Kriek, who won the Australian title earlier this year but is ranked only 16th in the world computer list and was eighth seeded here.

For McEnroe, recognized as the world's greatest player, it was the second straight disappointment in this tournament, played now at the fashionable Racquet Club. McEnroe lost to outsider Trey Waltke in the opening round last year after a long flight from Australia.

### To win WCT Classic

## Clerc rallies past Buehning

RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 15 (AP) — Top-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc, who played the entire tournament with a sprained ankle, rallied from the loss of the first set Sunday and beat unseeded Fritz Buehning, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, for the championship of the Richmond World Championship Tennis Classic.

The 23-year-old Argentine, who led his country to the Davis Cup final last year against the United States, earned \$100,000 for the victory in the televised match. Buehning earned \$40,000 his biggest payday.

Buehning, 21 and the youngest player in the 16-man field, started off as if he were going to record his third straight upset on the heels of successive victories over Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase and the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds from Australia, Peter McNamara and Mark Edmondsoo.

Swinging out and hitting winners, Buehning got the only service break in the sixth game of the first set. But Clerc began to turn

Kriek gave a dazzling exhibition of shot-making from the backcourt, suffering a slight relapse in the middle of the match only to recover pluckily in the deciding third set. "I want to thank McEnroe for not going into overdrive when it was 5-4," the South African said after he had been presented a trophy and a \$40,500 check. "He usually shifts into overdrive when he's down to the wire."

The final matched two of the most quick-tempered players in the game. Both had brief flurries of anger and disputes, but none reached an obnoxious stage. Reflective of the intensity and passion of the play was the fact that Kriek hit 10 aces and 11 double faults while McEnroe had nine aces and eight double faults, many of them costly.

Kriek started on a high note, winning the first three games and went on to take the first

set rather easily against a McEnroe who was down, obviously uninspired and troubled.

The South African hit three aces in the decisive game of the first set. Then he broke McEnroe in the first game of the second set, after the three-time U.S. Open champion had double faulted, and again in the third game after losing his own service in the second. He appeared well on his way to victory, taking a 3-1 lead before McEnroe rallied to pull even by holding service and breaking in the sixth.

McEnroe seemed to have turned the tide when he held off two break points in the fifth game to hold service and then get his important break in the sixth. Kriek's strong, aggressive game wilted at that point, and McEnroe won 14 of the next 15 points, breaking Kriek at love in the eighth game and confidently running out the set.



Jose-Luis Clerc... gutsy performance

### Clubs to release star players

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The football league's top managers Sunday backed a proposal to boost the World Cup preparations of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland by releasing star players from their sides for the season tours and friendlies.

Meanwhile, unseeded Sabina Simmonds of Italy captured the \$40,000 Avon Futures of Bankersfield Women's Tennis Tournament by breezing to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over second-seeded Lea Antonoplis of the U.S. in the championship match Sunday.

At a meeting of managers, coaches,

secretaries, team bosses including Bobby Robson, Keith Burkinshaw and Lawrie McMenemy agreed to do all in their power

to let the three international managers have their squads from the week before the FA Cup final on May 15.

Over 70 managers heard Ron Greenwood, Billy Bingham and Jock Stein, spell out their hopes for schedules of matches and get-together before the World Cup finals begin on June 15.

Players involved in the FA Cup final, any European club finals or important league fixtures would, of course be needed by their clubs, but managers went out of their way to offer hope to the international trio.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Football Federation has stopped, manager Kees Rijvers from taking charge of the Cameroon during June's World Cup finals in Spain.

The Cameroon Football Association asked to have Rijvers for a six-month period leading up to and including the World Cup. But the Dutch feel that the absence of Rijvers would hinder their own rebuilding plans following elimination from the World Cup.

They have instead suggested the name of Luxembourg-born Spitz Kohn, a former manager of club side FC Twente Enschede.

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The team at whose expense IAL scored its first was 1395. In a close tussle, IAL bowled, batted and fielded a shade better than its rivals to lift itself from the cellar position — held jointly by itself and Bank Jazera until this match.

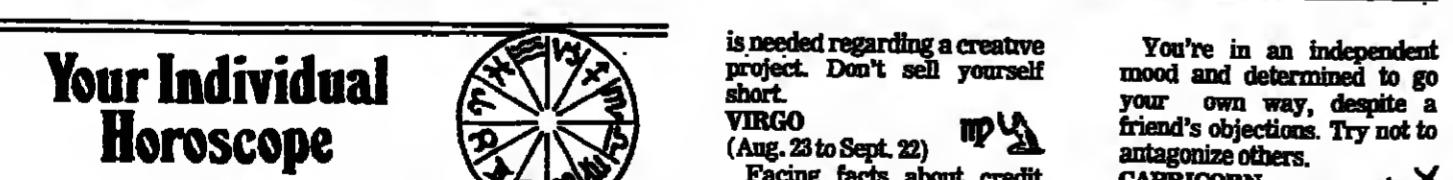
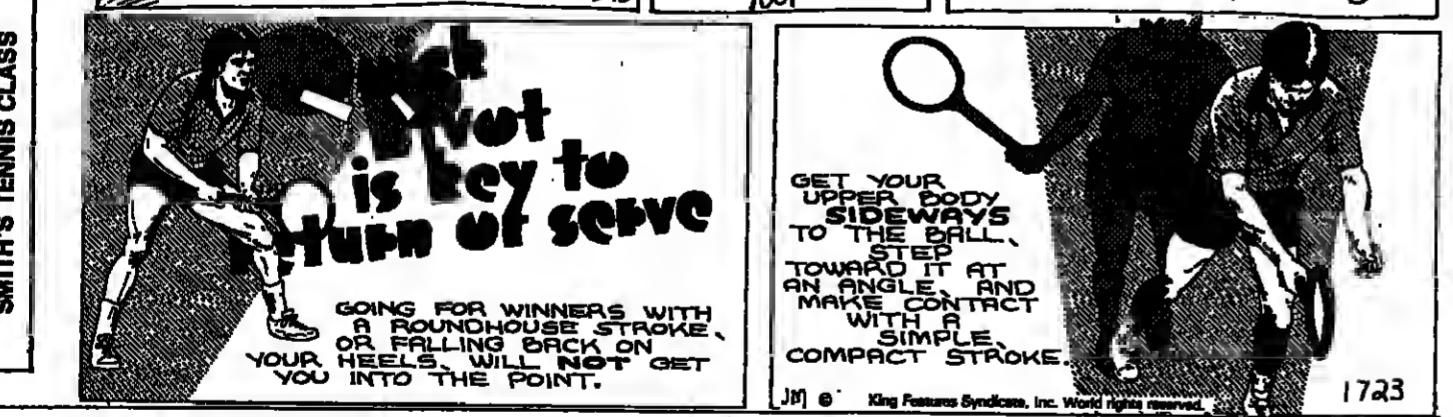
IAL opted to make the first use of the strip after winning the toss. And the decision proved right when its openers Jaffer (45) and Muzaffar (19) provided it a bright start. But after the opening partnership of 70 runs, three wickets tumbled quickly and IAL slumped into the doldrums as the 1395 bowlers gained ascendancy.

With IAL utilizing 16 overs for just 81, its chances of piling up a big total seemed remote. But one advantage lay in favor of the IAL as 1395 relied on its second string bowlers to contain the batsmen, with the main bowlers out of firing line. IAL employed the long handle in the remaining overs to push the rate in leaps and bounds, with Nissar (40 not out) being the most dominant. IAL boosted its tally to 145 for four wickets in its allotted overs with 64 of these coming in the last six overs.

1395 began poorly and never recovered from the bad start. Though it came close to

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'BETTE BAILEY'



Your Individual Horoscope  
Frances Drake  
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1982

**ARIES**  
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Close ties may raise objections about a trip. Expect some changes. Talks with advisers about financial matters should go well.

**TAURUS**  
(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Avoid friction with co-workers. Unexpected news pertaining to investments or loans. Elicit the support of friends in the afternoon.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21 to June 20)

Dating plans are subject to change. More self-confidence

A friend's behavior will surprise you, and the affairs of children will concern you. New business opportunities on the horizon.

**CANCER**  
(June 21 to July 22)

The day's routine may be upset in some way. Be adaptable. Ingenuity brings benefits. Home concerns interfere with concentration.

**LEO**  
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Dating plans are subject to change. More self-confidence

is needed regarding a creative project. Don't sell yourself short.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Facing facts about credit accounts may lead to the postponement of a purchase. Don't strain your budget. Relatives are erratic.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Inconsistency in thought could mar your efforts to communicate with others. Coming good news pertains to money or possessions.

**SCORPIO**

Innovative methods bring a good financial return, but steer clear of dubious propositions. Be straightforward and don't create doubts.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

An unusual opportunity comes now, but you may have difficulty raising the necessary capital. Discuss projects with advisers.

You're in an independent mood and determined to go your own way, despite a friend's objections. Try not to antagonize others.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Trying to bypass routine channels can lead to a dead-end or the disapproval of superiors. You can depend on a friend for help.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You're inclined to let your hair down now and may meet with some criticism from others. A useful career tip comes after dark.

**TAURUS**  
(Apr. 20 to May 20)

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**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

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### TV Programs

#### SAUDI ARABIA

- 4:00 Quran — Program Preview
- 4:15 Arabic Mathematics
- 4:15 Children's Program
- 4:15 Cartoons
- 6:30 Religious Program
- 7:15 The History of Aviation
- 7:45 English News
- 8:45 English Seminar
- 9:00 Arabic News
- Program Preview
- Daily Series
- Arabic Songs
- Foreign Series
- Closeshow

#### Bahrain Channel 4

- 4:00 Quran — Program Talk
- 4:20 Program Preview
- 4:25 Cartoons
- 5:00 Children's Series
- 5:30 Counting and Measuring
- 6:00 Arabic Program
- 6:30 Adventures of Black Beauty
- 7:00 Daily Arabic Series
- 8:00 Arabic News
- 8:25 Arabic Songs
- 9:35 Daily Arabic Series
- 10:25 The Paliars
- 11:00 Arabic Drama
- 11:30 World News
- 10:30 Program Preview Song
- 10:45 Arabic Drams
- 12:00 Closeshow

#### DUBAI Channel 10

- 4:00 Quran — Program Preview
- 4:25 Cartoons
- 5:00 Children's Series
- 5:30 Story Book 2
- 6:00 The Desert Boy, Aviation Hero
- 6:45 Songs
- 7:00 Recording Camera
- 7:30 Daily Arabic Series
- 8:20 Oriental Songs
- 8:45 Arabic Drama
- 9:00 Historical Series — The Pharaoh First, The Night Grendas Fell, A Division of Witnesses
- 9:45 Variety
- 10:00 English News
- 10:20 Songs
- 10:30 Tomorrow's Programs
- 10:30 Arabic Comedy Series
- 12:00 News
- 12:10 Quran

#### DUBAI Channel 33

- 5:00 Quran
- 5:15 Cartoons
- 5:30 Children's Series
- 6:00 Story Book
- 6:30 New Land
- 7:15 Who Dimmed? (Video)
- 7:45 Local News
- 7:45 Jimmy Stewart
- 8:00 Carter
- 8:35 Islamic Horizons
- 9:00 Music Shows
- 10:30 World News
- 10:45 English News
- 11:30 Feature
- 12:00 Rookies
- 12:30 Rockies
- 13:00 Feature
- 13:30 News
- 14:00 Quran
- 14:30 Story Book
- 15:00 Quran
- 15:30 Arabic Songs
- 15:45 Program Summary
- 16:00 Quran
- 16:30 Evening Transmissions
- 18:00 French Program
- 19:35 English Resources
- 20:00 Quran
- 20:15 Quran
- 20:30 Country & Western
- 20:45 Great Romances
- 21:00 Quran
- 21:30 Story Book
- 22:00 Concert Half
- 22:30 Concert Full
- 23:00 Music Worldwide
- 23:15 15 Minute Theater
- 23:30 In the Quiet
- 23:45 Today's Diary
- 23:55 Program Summary
- 23:55 Quran
- midnight Closeshow

#### RAS AL-KHAIMAH

- 5:45 Quran
- 6:00 Magno Cartoons
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- 7:15 Quran
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#### KUWAIT Channel 2

- 10:55 Drama
- 12:00 Closeshow
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- 4:00 Quran
- 4:10 Religious Talk
- 7:00 Quran
- 7:05 Cartoons
- 7:30 Here Comes The Double

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##### Tuesday

- Afternoon Transmissions
- 1:00 Tuesday Opening
- 2:00 Quran
- 2:05 Quran
- 2:06 Quran Rec., Gems of Guidance
- 2:07 Quran Rec., Gems of Guidance
- 2:12 Light Music
- 2:15 On Music
- 2:25 School of Music
- 2:35 The Next
- 2:35 Press Review
- 3:15 Reflection on Fasting
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SCAN EASTERN	Far East	Barytes	5-3-82
AUSTRALIA STAR	New Zealand Australia	Containers	5-3-82
NEW ZEALAND STAR	New Zealand Australia	Containers	23-3-82
TRAMOUNTANA	Europe	Cement	In Port 9-2-82
MARITIME CHALLENGE	Europe	Cement	11-2-82

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## Indians to purchase 40 French Mirages

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — India has agreed to buy 40 advanced Mirage-2000 jet fighters from France in a deal that may be extended to the manufacture of the aircraft in India under license, French defense officials said Monday.

They said prolonged negotiations on the sale were completed with the signature on Jan. 24 of a memorandum of understanding. The next move is the drafting and signing of the contract, estimated to be worth \$2.4 billion, one official said.

But the memorandum of understanding already laid down details of the deal, including specifications of the Mirage-2000 combat plane whose equipment will include the Snecma M-53-P-2 engine and Matra interceptors Super-530 missiles.

Officials said France and India are to pursue talks on the possible joint construction of a further 40 planes. According to industry sources, the first Mirages will be delivered to India by 1984, and all the first batch of 40 will be in service with the Indian Air Force by about the same time as Pakistan acquires F-16 aircraft from the United States.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi agreed on the broad outlines of the Mirage deal when she came to France last November. At that time, Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy of France said his government was ready to grant India long-term, low-interest credits to finance the Mirage package.

The accord with India is the second major Mirage-2000 export deal signed by France's Socialist government this year. In January, Defense Minister Charles Hernu signed a one-billion-dollar agreement with Egypt for the sale of 20 Mirage-2000s, built by the state-controlled Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation Company.

Officials said the final phase of current talks between France and India about the Mirages would be followed by the manufacture of the delta-winged plane under license at the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. plant in Bangalore. "But for the moment we are in stage one," an official added.

## Indonesia closes Aeroflot office

JAKARTA, Feb. 15 (R) — Indonesia has closed the Jakarta office of the Soviet airline Aeroflot and deported its local chief for alleged espionage, the national security chief, Adm. Sudomo, said Monday.

Aeroflot official Alexander Finenko, Western diplomats say, is a senior officer in Russia's GPU military intelligence, was arrested on Feb. 6 and had been on hunger strike until he was put on an Aeroflot flight out of the country on Saturday.

Adm. Sudomo told a group of senior Indonesian editors Monday that the decision to deport Finenko should not be taken as a sign of Indonesian weakness but was done for health and humanitarian reasons because of his hunger strike.

Soviet diplomats were involved in an airport fight with Indonesian security men in an attempt to prevent Finenko's arrest. He was trying to board a plane with another alleged Soviet spy, military attache Sergei Egorov, who had been given 48 hours to leave the country.

The national news agency Antara quoted Adm. Sudomo as saying the decision to close down the Aeroflot office would be delivered to the Foreign Ministry to pass to the Soviet Embassy.

The closure follows street demonstrations here denouncing alleged Soviet spying and a call by the country's Civil Aviation Trade Union for a ban on Soviet flights.

Last week, Jakarta's military chief, Norman Sasono, announced that Finenko would be put on trial for subversion along with an Indonesian naval officer, Lt. Col. Sudaryono, who is said to have been caught red-handed passing secret documents to Col. Egorov in a Jakarta restaurant.

Adm. Sudomo said Moody that Lt. Col. Sydaryono would be put on trial very soon.

## Soviet foreign minister celebrates 25th year

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Andrei Gromyko, 73, for some a symbol of stability, for others of staleness in Soviet diplomacy, Monday celebrated his 25th year as foreign minister.

Named to the post on Feb. 15, 1957, Gromyko now stands with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev as a leader of the old guard after the death last month of their contemporary Mikhail Suslov, one of the regime's leading ideologues.

Gromyko was named ambassador to Washington at only 34. From knowing practically nothing of foreign affairs, according to former American Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, he became the architect of Soviet foreign policy.

Kissinger, who often met with Gromyko, considered him an incomparable negotiator, gifted with a stunning memory and the ability to use his years of experience to dominate conferences.

## U.S. planned N-strike at Soviet Union

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The United States had a plan during the 1950s to use a massive nuclear strike to reduce the Soviet Union to rubble in case of war, according to government documents. The documents, quoted in the latest edition of *International Security*, a quarterly foreign policy review published by Harvard University, said U.S. forces planned to launch 735 B-47 and B-52 bombers to attack 1,700 strategic targets in the Soviet Union, among them 409 airfields.

The article used notes from a navy captain who had attended a 1954 meeting of several officers of the Strategic Air Command, including Gen. Curtis Lemay, the commander of the force. Lemay confirmed to the author of the *International Security* article, David Rosenberg, that the notes were generally accurate as a record of what had been discussed at the meeting.

The documents said the president of the United States, then Dwight Eisenhower, would have given the order to use the atomic bomb, but Lemay would have coordinated a war with the Soviets from that point on.

Lemay said during the meeting that the United States would not hesitate to strike first under certain conditions.

## Tries to meet Romanian French newsman beaten

PARIS, Feb. 15 (AFP) — French journalist Bernard Poulet, a correspondent for the Socialist daily *Le Matin*, was severely beaten while trying to meet the Romanian Lech Walesa in Ploesti, 60 kms north of Bucharest, recounted in the paper Monday. Poulet said he went to Bucharest after contacts in Paris received two telephone calls from Romanian free union militant Vasili Parashiv.

Parashiv told his friends here that he wanted to come to France to obtain medical treatment for his ailing wife. The journalist said that, having failed to find an interpreter to accompany him, he went alone to the 54-year-old union leader's home in central Ploesti Thursday.

The door was opened by Mrs. Parashiv, who told him to come back later. When he returned, Parashiv's mother and daughter answered and he learned from a French-speaking neighbor that the Parashivs had been detained by militia.

The neighbor told him to return that evening, saying they would probably be released by then. "About 30 meters from the building," Poulet wrote, "I was hit on the head and lost consciousness. I came to behind a fence, where I was being pounded by two men."

Poulet returned here Sunday and *Le Matin* featured his article Monday.

## Over Taipei Sino-U.S. tension stressed

PEKING, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua Monday hinted that it might be hard to ease the tension in relations between China and the United States, strained over the question of Taipei (Republic of China).

In a speech to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of American writer Edgar Snow, whose book *Red Star Over China* first brought the Chinese Communists to the attention of the West in the late 30s, Huang commented that "relations between states may be overcast and the road ahead may be rugged".

"But," Huang continued, "the friendship between the peoples is everlasting. The Chinese people will always remain united with the people of the United States and those of other countries".

Huang made no explicit reference to Taipei or the question of U.S. arms sales to the Nationalist-held island. Recently both Huang and Vice Foreign Minister Zhong Xidong have told visiting foreigners in Peking that Sino-American relations were going through a "crisis".

Earlier Vice-Premier Yao Yiliang attended the opening of an exhibition in the museum of the revolution displaying photographs and other exhibits related to Snow's meetings with Mao and other top leaders.

## GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min	Max		Min	Max	
	C	F	C	C	F	
Amsterdam	2	36	8 46	clear		
Athens	5	41	10 50	cloudy		
Bahrain	11	52	16 61	clear		
Bangkok	25	77	30 86	clear		
Beirut	8	46	14 57	clear		
Berlin	-1	30	2 36	cloudy		
Brussels	-2	28	10 50	cloudy		
Buenos Aires	18	64	30 86	clear		
Caracas	8	46	16 61	cloudy		
Chicago	19	66	27 81	cloudy		
Copenhagen	0	32	1 34	cloudy		
Dublin	9	48	12 54	cloudy		
Frankfurt	2	36	3 57	rain		
Geneva	2	36	6 43	rain		
Helsinki	0	32	2 36	cloudy		
Hong Kong	10	50	14 57	cloudy		
Jakarta	23	73	31 88	rain		
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32 90	clear		
London	2	36	7 45	cloudy		
Los Angeles	15	59	20 68	cloudy		
Madrid	1	34	9 48	rain		
Manila	19	66	31 88	clear		
Mexico City	8	46	22 72	clear		
Miami	20	69	24 75	cloudy		
Montreal	.16	3	-6	clear		
Moscow	8	46	10 59	clear		
New Delhi	10	50	22	cloudy		
New York	-4	25	4 39	clear		
Nicosia	5	41	10 50	cloudy		
Oslo	1	34	2 36	cloudy		
Paris	2	36	7 45	cloudy		
Rio De Janeiro	21	70	36 97	clear		
Rome	8	46	12 54	cloudy		
San Francisco	13	55	15 59	rain		
Seoul	-3	27	7 45	clear		
Singapore	24	75	31 88	cloudy		
Stockholm	-2	28	1 34	cloudy		
Sydney	21	71	28 82	clear		
Taipei	12	54	15 59	rain		
Tokyo	3	37	10 50	clear		
Toronto	-8	18	-2 28	clear		
Vancouver	5	41	8 46	rain		
Vienna	-4	25	-2 28	cloudy		

## International

### Seamen seek asylum

## Martial law restrictions tightened in Polish city

WARSAW, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Some 200 persons were arrested in Poznan during weekend demonstrations marking two months of martial law in Poland, the official news agency PAP said. It said 162 persons in the western Polish city were "punished by misdeemeanor courts" after Saturday's protests.

The agency described the demonstrators as being "mostly high school and university students or persons who are neither employed nor studying elsewhere." Police moved in to disperse the crowds who shouted hostile slogans, it said. The regional defense committee has now decided to tighten martial law restrictions in Poznan. Cinemas and theaters have been closed and private cars banned.

As Poland entered its third month of martial law, Warsaw was calm although candles did burn in some windows in apparent gestures of disapproval. Travellers reaching Warsaw reported heavy police patrols and security measures in the Baltic port of Gdansk, birthplace of the now suspended trade union Solidarity, but said there was no sign of trouble.

In the western town of Lubin, a worker at a petrol station defused a homemade timebomb which would have caused a massacre if it had exploded, PAP said. It said the device, hidden in a shopping bag full of potatoes, was in working order. The petrol station, which had 28,000 liters (7,400 gallons) of petrol in its tanks, is located near a hospital, nursery and school.

In Moscow, Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov endorsed martial law in an interview quoted by the official news agency Tass. He said Moscow had a vital interest in the reestablishment of normal life in Poland and was giving its ally considerable aid.

In Bonn, the West German weekly newsmagazine *Der Spiegel* quoted Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski as having said at the end of last year he was convinced martial law would last a long time in

Poland.

Ministry officials figure that the new measures will cost some 17,500 million francs (\$2,900 million) in 1985, 2,500 million francs (\$416 million) more than today.

The financial difficulties facing the project are worsened by the fact that two million French are now out of work, and that the number of retired workers is diminishing.

The government will probably have some trouble in getting the project accepted, considering the problems caused by two other recent social reforms, the 39-hour week and an extra, fifth week of paid holidays.

Government officials believe, however, that the reduction of the retirement age — which is already 60 for civil servants, women and some manual laborers — can no longer wait because of the important part it played in the Socialist electoral campaign.

The government is planning to take several new social measures by the end of next month, including one giving greater guarantees to part-time employees, another which foresees the creation of "holiday checks" to allow for more vacations, and a third aiming to facilitate job finding for youths aged between 16 and 18, which ended Monday.

And with "something for everyone," sales were brisk, though figures were not expected to be available until later. "It's not just a meeting place of publishers," stressed Narendra Kumar, president of the Federation of Indian Publishers and head of one of Asia's largest publishing houses.

The fair also afforded developing nations a marketplace to trade profitably alongside developed ones, Kumar added. For some, such as the island nation of Sri Lanka, off the southern tip of India, it was their debut at such an event.

While Indian firms dominated numerically, there also were popular displays from the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, France, China and Pakistan.

The fair was organized by the Indian government-owned National Book Trust, which displayed more than 7,000 volumes in every major Indian language covering virtually every facet of Indian life, culture and history. Children's books proved a popular draw.

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